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VIETNAM PARLEY OPENS AT CORNELL

'Fringe' Groups Are Barred at National Conference

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ITHACA, Feb. 15 — A new manifestation of campus criticism of the Vietnam war began at Cornell University tonight with the opening of the first National Student Conference on Vietnam.

Hoping to eliminate the hysteria and emotionalism that has enveloped some other conferences on Southeast Asian policy, and hoping to foster rational discourse, the sponsors decided to ban all representatives of extremist groups, whether hawk or dove, from the discussion groups.

Thus the only students invited to the closed meetings were delegates chosen from the student governments of more than 45 colleges and universities across the country.

The student government of Cornell University, the sponsoring group, decided to ban participation by what it called "radical or fringe organizations." Mark A. Belnick, of Ithaca, N. J., the conference chairman, said the left-wing Committee for a Democratic Society had been turned down and so had the Committee for U.S. Policy, which he described as "Lyndon Johnson right."

Government Represented

The State Department sent a representative. He was Daniel Davidson, special assistant to William P. Bundy, the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Speaking at the opening session, Mr. Davidson said American intervention in Vietnam was an extension of a policy that began with the Truman Doctrine of two decades ago. Aid to Greece in 1947, he recalled, followed a statement by President Truman that the United States must help free nations resist Communist aggression and subversion.

Confronting Mr. Davidson were critics of Vietnam policy, including Malcolm Browne, the former chief of the Associated Press bureau in Saigon, who is now an Edward R. Murrow fellow of the Council of Foreign Relations; Marcus Raskin, co-director of the Institute for Policy Studies; and David Dellinger, co-director of the Liberation magazine.

Mr. Raskin, one of the authors of Ramparts Magazine's expose of the subsidization of the National Student Association by the Central Intelligence Agency, said he hoped that as a result of the expose "a truly free national student organization" would emerge.

Such an organization would be financed solely by students, he said, and he hoped it would lead the way in dismantling the "national security state apparatus" and help "build a free society."

Mr. Raskin assailed the Johnson Administration's statement that it had resumed the bombing of North Vietnam because it had received no pacific gesture from Hanoi. Actually, Mr. Raskin contended, there was sufficient evidence to suggest that North Vietnamese infiltration into the south "slowed appreciably" during the bombing pause.

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